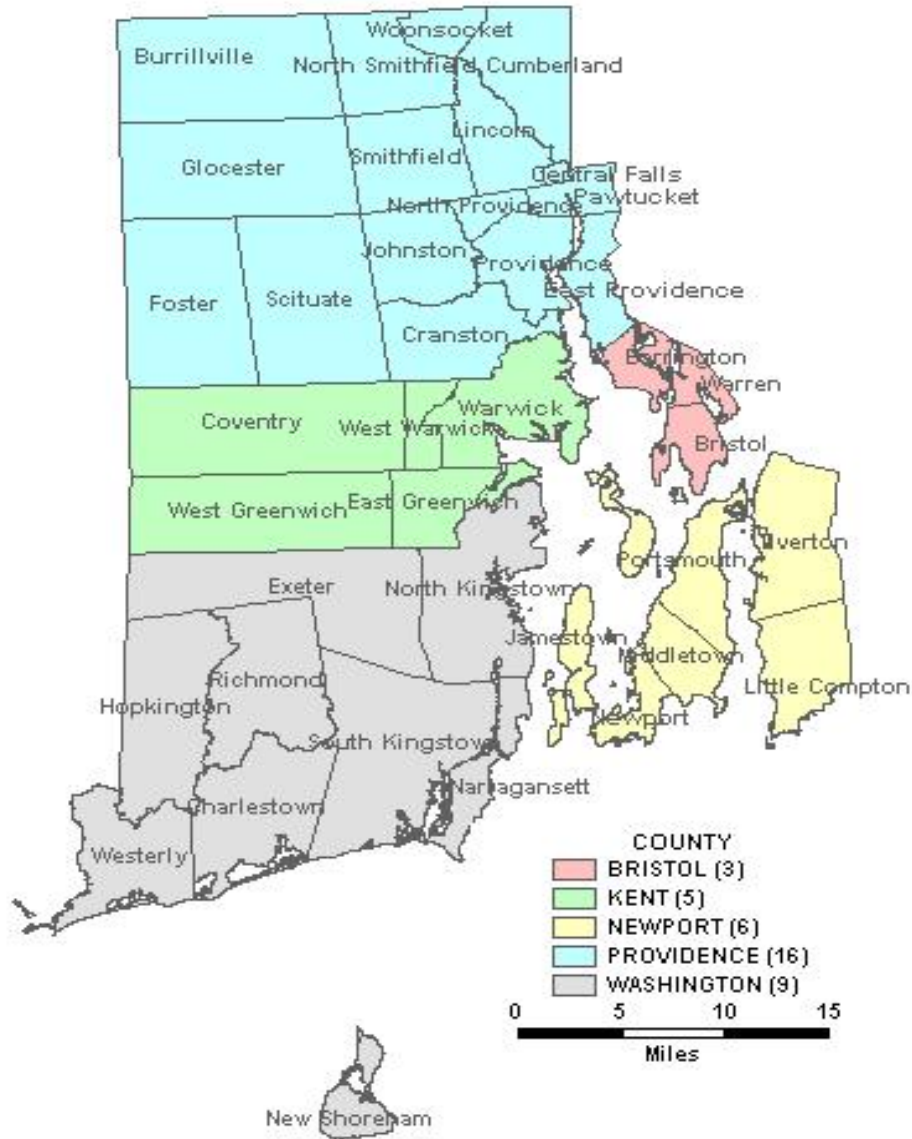


Town of Tiverton



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Town of Tiverton

Tiverton was originally incorporated in 1694, as part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. A long boundary dispute between Rhode Island and Massachusetts was settled in 1746, and Tiverton, by Royal Decree, together with the Towns of Cumberland, Barrington, Bristol and Little Compton was annexed to Rhode Island. The town was incorporated in 1747.

For three years during the Revolution, when the British held Aquidneck Island, Tiverton was an asylum for Americans fleeing from British occupation. The town became a mustering point for Colonial forces who gathered together to drive the British off the island.

Tiverton began as a farming community with some fishing and boat construction. Until 1900 the manufacture of menhaden oil, a fish derivative, was one of the primary industrial pursuits. Cotton and woolen mills were established as early as 1827. Today, trade establishments are the major employers in the town. Recent years have seen Tiverton grow as a summer resort and residential area. Development has been concentrated in the area known as North Tiverton.

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Town of Tiverton

Municipal Government & Officials

Address: Town Hall
343 Highland Road,
Tiverton, RI 02878

Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Website: www.tiverton.org

Fax#: 625-6705

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1

Form of Government: Council-Administrator

Council Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays Monthly @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Administrator: David A. Souza 625-6710

Police Department: 20 Industrial Way

2000 Census: 15,260

Election Date: November, Even Years

Financial Town Meeting: 1st Wednesday in May

Assessor: Anthony Harraka 625-6709

Building Official/Minimum Housing: 625-6715

Clerk, Town: Hannibal F. Costa 625-6703

Emergency Management Director: James L. Spears 625-6741

Housing Auth. Exec. Director: Margaret G. Durfee 624-4748

Library Director: Cheryl Maraj-Aboudola 625-6796

Planning Board Chairman: Rosemary Eva 625-6718

Police Chief: Thomas Blakey 624-9611

Probate Judge: Richard P. D'Addario, Esq. 625-6703

Public Works Director: 625-6760

Recreation Chairman: Kenneth DeCosta 624-2143

School Superintendent: William J. Rearick 624-8475

Solicitor, Town: Harsch & Mannis 454-4466

Tax Collector: Nancy L. Mello 625-6706

Treasurer: Cecil E. Leonard 625-5323

Zoning Official: 625-6715

Fire Departments and Fire Districts

Tiverton Fire Department, 85 Main Road, Tiverton, RI 02878 625-6707

Fire Chief:

North Tiverton Fire District, 238 W. Hilton Street, Tiverton, RI 02878 624-8432

Tax Collector: Carol A. Ainsworth

Stone Bridge Fire District, 1761 Main Road, Tiverton, RI 02878 624-4486

Tax Collector: Henry E. Curran

Municipal Court

Town Hall, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton, RI 02878 625-6720

Judge: Robert H. Humphrey Clerk: Eugene R. Gauthier

School Committee

Denise DeMedeiros, Chairperson 55 Kevin Drive 02878

Christopher Benson 61 Neck Road 02878

Jeremy Brodeur 301 Bulgarmarsh Rd., #F22 02878

Michael S. Burk 67 Durfee Road 02878

Maryangela Horne 24 Seapowett Avenue 02878

Town Council

Claudette J. Linhares, President 44 Clegg Avenue 02878

Donald Bollin 63 Ash Avenue 02878

Manuel R. Cabral 188 Bridle Way 02878

Lori A. Doyle 107 Haskins Avenue 02878

Louise Durfee 262 Highland Road 02878

John H. Fernandes 294 Riverside Drive 02878

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Population Characteristics

Population: The population count for The Town of Tiverton as of April 1, 2000, was 15,260. This represented a 6.62% increase (948 persons) from the 1990 population of 14,312.

Rank: In 2000 Tiverton ranks 25th in population among Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns.

Median Age: In 2000 the median age of the population in Tiverton was 40.8.

Age Distribution: In 2000, 77.9% or 11,893 persons residing in Tiverton were 18 years of age or older. 11,454 were 21 and over, 2,943 were 62 and over, and 2,522 were 65 and over.

Population Density: The 2000 population density of Tiverton is 520 persons per square mile of land area. Tiverton contains 29.36 square miles of land area (76,032,650 Sq. meters) (18,788.22 acres) and 6.96 square miles of water area (18,031,718 square meters) (4,454.38 acres).

Housing Units: The total number of housing units in the Town of Tiverton as of April 1, 2000, was 6,474. This represented an increase of 799 units from the 5,675 housing units in 1990. Of the 6,474 housing units 397 were vacant. 191 of the vacant units were for seasonal or recreational use.

Households: In 2000, there are 6,077 households in Tiverton with an average size of 2.51 persons. Of these, 4,408 were family households with an average family size of 2.95 persons.

Race:

Total Population of One Race: 15,140

White: 14,952

Black or African American: 65

American Indian and Alaska Native: 26

Asian: 59

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander: 5

Some Other Race: 33

Total Population of two or More Races: 120

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Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

General Characteristics	Number	Percent	U.S.
Total population	15,260	100.0	100%
Male	7,429	48.7	49.1%
Female	7,831	51.3	50.9%
Median age (years)	40.8	(X)	35.3
Under 5 years	782	5.1	6.8%
18 years and over	11,893	77.9	74.3%
65 years and over	2,522	16.5	12.4%
One race - Total	15,140	99.2	97.6%
White	14,952	98.0	75.1%
Black or African American	65	0.4	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	26	0.2	0.9%
Asian	59	0.4	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	5	0.0	0.1%
Some other race	33	0.2	5.5%
Two or more races	120	0.8	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	104	0.7	12.5%
Average household size	2.51	(X)	2.59
Average family size	2.95	(X)	3.14
Total housing units	6,474	100.0	100.0%
Occupied housing units	6,077	93.9	91.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	4,854	79.9	66.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	1,223	20.1	33.8%
Vacant housing units	397	6.1	9.0%

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Social Characteristics	Number	Percent	U.S.
Population 25 years and over	10,952	100.0	
High school graduate or higher	8,712	79.5	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,633	24.0	24.4%
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	1,909	16.1	12.7%
Disability status (population 21 to 64 years)	1,376	15.4	19.2%
Foreign born	631	4.1	11.1%
Now married (population 15 years and over)	7,705	61.8	54.4%
Speak a language other than English at home (5 years and over)	1,485	10.3	17.9%
Economic Characteristics	Number	Percent	U.S.
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	8,247	66.9	63.9%
Mean travel time to work in minutes (population 16 years and over)	27.9	(X)	25.5
Median household income (dollars)	49,977	(X)	41,994
Median family income (dollars)	58,917	(X)	50,046
Per capita income (dollars)	22,866	(X)	21,587
Families below poverty level	130	2.9	9.2%
Individuals below poverty level	683	4.5	12.4%
Housing Characteristics	Number	Percent	U.S.
Single-family owner-occupied homes	4,218	100.0	
Median value (dollars)	144,400	(X)	119,600
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)	
With a mortgage	1,214	(X)	1,088
Not mortgaged	399	(X)	295

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Town of Tiverton

Tiverton Employment 2002

<u>NAICS Sectors</u>	<u>Tiverton</u>		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Total Wages
Total, Private & Government:	379	2,505	\$69,732,863
Total, Private Only:	364	2,046	\$55,326,031
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	13	28	494,426
Mining	*	*	*
Utilities	*	*	*
Construction	48	193	6,559,604
Manufacturing	14	75	1,962,003
Wholesale Trade	24	96	3,526,335
Retail Trade	62	601	16,668,899
Transportation & Warehousing	12	61	1,708,567
Information	4	3	162,478
Finance & Insurance	14	46	1,519,624
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	9	23	745,559
Professional & Technical Services	36	127	5,654,061
Management of Companies & Enterprises	*	*	*
Administrative & Waste Services	28	69	1,753,476
Educational Services	*	*	*
Health Care & Social Assistance	25	350	8,084,634
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	4	14	646,530
Accommodation & Food Services	23	189	2,080,616
Other Services, except Public Administration	42	139	2,307,589
Unclassified Establishments	0	0	0
	#		
	#		
Public Administration	15	459	14,406,832

Source: Department of Labor and Training, 2002

Town of Tiverton

2004/2005 Municipal Tax Rates
(Per \$1,000 of Assessment)

& These communities have homestead exemptions available. (Providence rate with homestead exemption \$23.96)

* These communities also have local Fire district taxes.

These communities may exempt wholesale inventories.

\$ These communities may exempt retail inventories.

Modified: October 5, 2004

Municipality	Residential Property Tax Rates Per \$1,000 Percent of Full Value Base Year Assessment Effective			Commercial Real Estate Rate Per \$1,000	Motor Vehicle Rate Per \$1,000	Retail & Wholesale Inventory Rate Per \$1,000	Business Personal Property Rate Per \$1,000
Barrington	18.99	100%	2003	18.99	42.00	8.88	18.99
Bristol	16.85	100%	2001	16.85	17.35	6.97	16.85
Burrillville * # \$	12.55	100%	2003	12.55	40.00	Not Taxed	12.55
Central Falls &	13.04	100%	2003	34.85	48.65	19.47	51.33
Charlestown *	12.59	100%	2001	12.59	13.08	5.38	12.59
Coventry * \$	25.63	100%	2001	25.63	18.75	7.75	25.63
Cranston &	23.23	95%	2003	30.80	42.44	12.70	34.84
Cumberland * #	16.73	100%	2002	16.73	19.87	10.03	16.73
East Greenwich * # &	17.91	100%	2002	17.91	22.88	9.48	17.91
East Providence &	15.20	100%	2003	19.35	37.10	15.44	44.59
Exeter #	14.70	100%	2002	14.70	32.59	14.00	14.70
Foster	14.11	100%	2002	14.11	36.95	7.39	14.11
Glocester * #	20.91	100%	2001	20.91	24.37	10.06	28.46
Hopkinton *	17.71	100%	2003	17.71	21.18	8.30	17.71
Jamestown	11.58	100%	2004	11.58	14.42	6.05	11.58
Johnston &	16.40	100%	2003	16.40	41.46	13.86	44.11
Lincoln * # &	18.64	100%	2003	22.74	30.66	9.82	26.84
Little Compton	4.53	100%	2003	4.53	13.90	Not Taxed	4.53
Middletown #	15.85	100%	2002	17.90	16.05	6.64	15.85
Narragansett	10.57	100%	2002	15.86	16.46	6.74	15.86
Newport &	13.72	100%	2001	16.30	23.45	9.48	16.30
New Shoreham # \$	3.77	80%	2000	3.77	9.75	Not taxed	3.77
North Kingstown # \$	14.38	100%	2003	14.38	22.04	Not taxed	14.38
North Providence &	28.71	100%	2004	31.02	41.95	17.54	57.50
North Smithfield #	14.26	100%	2003	14.26	37.62	12.43	37.24
Pawtucket	17.25	100%	2003	25.88	53.30	20.83	52.09
Portsmouth #	16.20	100%	2003	16.20	22.50	9.19	16.20
Providence &	29.65	50%	2004	37.00	76.78	30.70	49.50
Richmond *	18.83	100%	2003	18.83	22.64	9.10	18.83
Scituate	22.08	50%	2003	27.75	30.20	Not taxed	33.05
Smithfield	13.95	100%	2003	13.95	39.00	15.60	41.00
South Kingstown *	12.58	100%	2003	12.58	18.71	7.75	12.58
Tiverton *	14.36	100%	2002	14.36	19.14	7.71	14.36
Warren	14.82	100%	2003	14.82	26.00	14.82	7.87
Warwick	14.81	100%	2003	22.22	34.60	17.73	29.62
Westerly *	9.64	100%	2004	9.64	29.67	5.05	9.64
West Greenwich	18.50	100%	2001	18.50	19.02	7.79	18.50
West Warwick	17.31	100%	2003	24.80	28.47	11.77	28.17
Woonsocket # &	23.85	55%	2002	38.25	46.58	18.63	46.58

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Points of Interest

CHASE-CORY HOUSE. (1730) 3908 Main Rd. at Tiverton Four Corners. Historic District. This gambrel-roofed building is now owned by the Tiverton Historical Society. Special exhibits throughout the season. OPEN: May-Sep, Sun, 2:00-4:30 p.m., and by appt. 624-4013, 624-8881.

FORT BARTON. Highland Road. Original redoubt built during the American Revolution. It was the troop staging area for the invasion of Aquidneck Island and Newport and the eventual Battle of Rhode Island. Observation tower and 3 miles of trail walks. OPEN: Year-round, sunrise to sunset.

RUECKER WILDLIFE REFUGE. Seapowet Avenue. Audubon Society of Rhode Island sanctuary. 48 acres, with 1.5-mile trails winding through woodland, meadow, salt marsh, and open water. Feeding herons, egrets, and osprey. Variety of plant life. Gift of Miss Emilie Ruecker. OPEN: Daily, dawn to dark. 949-5454.